

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging device comprising:

an imaging means for photographing a subject carrying a terminal device and for obtaining image data representing an image of the subject;

[[a]] an imaging device communication means to perform wireless data communication;
and

a control means for controlling the drive of the imaging means so that the imaging means is driven to obtain the image data when [[a]] the terminal device carried by the subject and the imaging device communication means have become able to communicate with each other[.,];

wherein the terminal device carried by the subject comprises a display means for displaying the image data and an integrated subject communication means for wirelessly communicating data, ~~wherein the data includes a unique identification code identifying the terminal device; and~~

wherein the imaging device communication means and the imaging means are arranged so that a data communication direction of the imaging device communication means and an imaging direction of the imaging means are substantially identical.

2. (Currently Amended) The imaging device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the control means is a means for ~~recognizing the unique identification code~~ assigning terminal information that specifies the terminal device carried by the subject to the image data.

3. (Previously Presented) The imaging device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the control means is a means for further controlling drive of the imaging device communication means so that the imaging device communication means transmits the image data obtained by the imaging means to the terminal device.

4. (Original) The imaging device as defined in Claim 3, wherein the control means is a means for generating small capacity image data of which data volume is less than the image data and transmitting the small capacity image data to the terminal device instead of the image data.

5. Cancelled.

6. (Previously Presented) The imaging device as defined in Claim 5, wherein the imaging device communication means and the imaging means are arranged so that the data communication range of the imaging device communication means is less than an imaging angle of view of the imaging means.

7. (Original) The imaging device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the control means is a means for controlling the drive of the imaging means so that photography is prohibited after a predetermined number of images have been photographed continuously.

8. (Original) The imaging device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the control means is a means for controlling the drive of the imaging means so that imaging is prohibited for a predetermined time after photography.

9. (Original) The imaging device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the control means is a means for controlling the drive of the imaging means so that the imaging means performs photography only when the terminal device gives an instruction to perform photography.

10. (Previously Presented) A terminal device comprising:

a terminal device communication means for wirelessly communicating data with an imaging device communication means wherein the terminal device communication means communicates a unique identification code associated with the terminal device and is physically connected as a part of the terminal device; and

a display means for displaying information, including image data, wherein the terminal device is carried by a subject.

11. (Previously Presented) The terminal device as defined in Claim 10, further comprising:

an informing means for informing the subject that the terminal device communication means has become able to communicate data with the imaging device communication means, an image will be photographed and/or photography has been finished.

12. (Previously Presented) An imaging system comprising:

a terminal device carried by the subject and operatively connected to a controller, wherein the terminal device includes an integral terminal communicator to communicate a unique identification code to the controller when the terminal device is within the operative range of one or more cameras and also includes a display to display the images obtained by the one or more cameras;

the controller to receive the unique identification code from the terminal device, to drive the one or more cameras to record one or more image of the subject, and to communicate the images to the terminal device;

one or more cameras for obtaining images of the subject operatively connected to the controller

wherein images of the subject which are obtained by the one or more cameras are transmitted to and displayed on the terminal device carried by the subject.

13. (Previously Presented) The imaging system as defined in Claim 12, comprising:

a plurality of the imaging devices of which imaging ranges overlap, wherein the control means in each of the imaging devices is a means for controlling the drive of the imaging device communication means and the imaging means so that when all the plurality of the imaging devices have become able to communicate data with the terminal device, the imaging means in the plurality of the imaging devices photograph respectively.

14. (Previously Presented) The imaging system as defined in Claim 12, further comprising:

an image server for storing the images obtained by the one or more cameras.

15. (Previously Presented) The imaging system as defined in Claim 12, further comprising:

a printer for printing out the image data obtained by the imaging device.

16. (Previously Presented) The imaging system as defined in Claim 15, wherein the printer only prints out the image data for which an instruction to print has been issued.

17. (Original) The imaging system as defined in Claim 16, wherein the instruction to print can be issued at the terminal device.

18. (Previously Presented) A photographic generation and distribution method, comprising:

a subject user carrying a terminal device wherein the terminal device includes a communicator, a unique identification code, and a display;

the terminal device transmitting a unique identification code;

detecting a terminal device within the operable range of an imaging device;

determining the unique identification code of the terminal device;

obtaining an image of the subject user by the imaging device;

associating the image of the subject user with the unique identification code of the terminal device;

transmitting the obtained image of the subject user to the terminal device; and

displaying the obtained image of the subject user on the terminal device display.